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Customer No. 38263

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER *et al.*
Application No.: 10/568,381
Filed: February 14, 2006
For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

Group Art Unit: 1794
Examiner: E. S. WOOD
Confirmation No.: 1036

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina
January 7, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 1, 2008, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time with credit card form to extend the due date to February 1, 2009. A certified English translation of German parent application 103 39 802.3 has been ordered and will be forwarded upon receipt.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

Enter /Ellen Wood/ 01/08/2009